

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of July 11, 2016
Sargent Woods Community Center

Members present:	Bill Landry	Mary Riordan	Karen O'Malley	Barb DiBartolomeo
	Sally Woodman	Diane Morin	Marilyn Landry	John Meserve
	Kathy Meserve	Roger Hamel	Mike Hughes	

Bill Landry called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Marilyn Landry made a motion to accept the minutes of June 13, 2016. Mike Hughes seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

The June 30, 2016 account balances were:

The Checking income was from interest. Expenses were for the electric bill, supplies and NHHC 2017 programs. The Money Market income was from interest. Barb DiBartolomeo made a motion to accept the June 30, 2016 Treasurers' Reports. Kathy Meserve seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Repairs at Marshall House: Bill Landry reported Jim Ryan will repair the bulkhead and replace some siding at no cost to the town. We will have to paint the replaced siding.

Fall Festival – Sat. Oct. 22, 4:30 to 6:30PM John Meserve reported he talked with Gary Folsom who gave him some web sites to look at. The logos we chose last meeting were multi-color. This would increase the cost above our target of \$5. He is looking at items without a logo, for example pens, keychain, Christmas tree ornaments. John requested a committee be formed to determine which item to get. Marilyn Landry and Mike Hughes volunteered to help John. John will be sending out letters to business sponsors.

Society Logo – There was discussion on whether we needed a logo. The consensus was we don't need one at this time.

New Business: None

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Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators:

Barn electrical project – no update

Repair of carriage seats – Bill Landry received an email from Ann Miles containing info on an upholstery restorer, Carriage Town Upholstery in Amesbury. Kathy Meserve found the owner to be Mathias Gottwald. Bill will send him information on the project.

Excerpt from Sept. 2015 Minutes:

Restoration of Society's Hayford Carriages: Bill Landry sent Carriage Barn money to purchase supplies needed for the wheels restoration work on the carriages. **Ron Saunders spoke with Dwight Lowes about restoring the seats. Dwight gave him an estimate of \$400-\$500 per seat.** Bill Landry will check with Ann Miles on the cost. John Meserve made a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,500 to repair the 3 seats on the 2 Hayford carriages. Cheryl Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passes on a unanimous vote.

Barbara Swasey artifacts donations – Bill Landry noted there was a letter in the artifacts indicating Mike Bowers used the glass negatives to make prints. Bill believes these are the pictures Mike donated to the Society. Bill noted there were photos of Mr. Burbeck working in the Hayford factory.

Removal of Christmas lights from tree at the Schoolhouse – The upper lights have not been removed.

Historian: Roger Hamel reported he researched the request from Mrs. Wilson in California about 74 N. Main Street. She was asking if we knew anything about the nasty things that happened there. He looked up the property in the Rockingham County deeds and found the Wilsons owned the property from June 1987 to 2014. It was previously owned by the Charles and Sally Gardner from 1974 to 1987. Karen O'Malley remembered there was a teenager named Gardner who disappeared around 1978 going from Rowe's Corner store to her home. She suggested contacting the police for more information. Roger will look into it further.

Archivist: Karen O'Malley reported she got the laptop back after it was upgraded to Windows 10 by Mary Riordan. She requested more small boxes for storing the Swasey artifacts. She noted we do not have wall space to display the pictures. She suggested using easels or putting in walls to display them. There was discussion on the usefulness of the glass negatives. Bill said we would return any items we were not going to keep. John Meserve suggested there may be an industrial museum that would be interested in them. Bill suggested the NH Historical Society may be able to give us direction.

Programs: Sally Woodman reminded our next presentation "Haunted Portsmouth" by Roxie Zwicker is on July 20th at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. She has confirmed equipment needed. Liberty is our Motto will be on September 21st at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. The NH Humanities Council is only allowing bookings 6 months in advance. Sally will rebook and confirm the two presentations we chose for 2017 at the appropriate time.

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Web Site Status: Mary Riordan reported the number of visits to our site dropped slightly. She is still looking into how to transfer the domain name.

Correspondence: None

Other: None

Next Meeting: Monday August 8, 2016, 6:30 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan

Mary Riordan, Secretary